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Application No.: 09/996,348
Filed: November 28, 2001
Inventor: Thomas Kragh Christensen
Title: System and Method for Customized Build-to-Order Assembly
Via Facsimile No.: 571-273-8300

Remarks

The previously pending claims have been cancelled and new claims 20-29 have been added. The new claims should overcome the Examiner's 35 USC 101 and 112 rejections and objections.

The new claims are also neither obvious nor anticipated by the prior art cited in the previous office action. The sole reference cited by the Examiner, US Patent 6,813,610 ("the '610 patent") relates to a system for aiding in interior decorating. The prior art makes no reference to building a medical device, as all claims now require. Moreover, all claims require the graphical animating of the assembly process and not merely displaying pictorially the layout of the finished product. The build-to-order medical device of the pending claims requires that the user do the building by assembling the components. Thus a key feature of the claims is that the invention requires showing the user how to assemble the device. Moreover, claim 21 further requires graphically instructing the patient how to use the assembled medical device. In the invention of the 610 patent, the user is not taught how to use the furniture or how to assemble the furniture. He is merely taught how to arrange it when it arrives.

In addition to the above stated reasons new independent claim 25 and the claims that depend from it, are also patentable since they require that the components be inventory before the user will be given a graphical representation of the product and a graphical animation of the assembling process. This feature is lacking from the cited art.

In view of the following, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims. In the even that the Examiner feels an interview would expediate prosecution, he should contact applicants' attorney who would meet, either in person, or telephonically with the Examiner to discuss the pending application.

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Conclusion

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance. Early action to that end is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this application and to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1447. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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